

**Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Jeff Donahue at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Donahue read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 7, 2015. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Robert Ashbaugh-present, Mr. Tom Bremner-arrived 7:33, Mr. Billy Dawson, Ms. Connie Hallman-present, Mr. Phil Kartsonis-present, Mr. Bob Uhrik-present.

Also present: Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, Borough Attorney Albert Cruz.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked everyone who helped during the recent water main breaks, including the Council, Borough Engineer, Water Superintendent and residents, noting that we have a strong community and responsible volunteers. The Mayor thanked Jennifer Donahue and the Community Group for organizing the Borough's 11th annual Earth Day clean up. The Mayor also thanked Larry Koplik of the Montgomery Shade Tree Committee for organizing the Arbor Day celebration. The Mayor stated that he would sign vegetation and mosquito control agreements with the County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2015

Hallman moved to approve the minutes as amended and Ashbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: Bremner, Kartsonis

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary White, 289 Old Tate Road, Mountainside, NJ, requested that the Mayor and Council sign a proclamation or resolution supporting awareness of the disease fibrodysplasia ossificans progressive (FOP).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List dated April 20, 2015 was presented for approval. Ashbaugh moved to approve all vouchers except 8433, 8431 and 8347. Motion seconded by Dawson. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Kartsonis, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

Kartsonis moved to approve voucher 8431 and 8347, motion seconded by Dawson. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Dawson, Kartsonis, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

*Ashbaugh, Bremner and Hallman were recused from the vote.

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No action was taken on voucher 8433.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector—March 2015

Court Administrator—March 2015

Motion was made by Bremner to accept the reports as presented. Motion seconded by Hallman. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Kartsonis, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

Water Department—March 2015. Mr. Uhrik delivered the report. Water main breaks on Princeton Avenue and Crescent Avenue were repaired. A leak on Park Avenue will be repaired. The Sewer Department reported no problems in March.

Hallman moved to accept the Water Department report, Dawson seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Kartsonis, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records – T. Bremner. Mr. Bremner thanked the Clerk for establishing accounts at Lowes and Home Depot. Drafting a resolution for the Community Group to receive a grant for litter clean up. Viewed a presentation from the software company Accela, but the quote for services came in higher than expected. Mr. Kartsonis thanked Mr. Bremner for updates to the website.

Buildings & Grounds – B. Dawson. A sign recognizing the County grant was installed behind Borough Hall. Repairs were completed in the Nursery School closet. The Engineer will address lighting issues at Panicaro Park.

Finance & Insurance – R. Ashbaugh. Mr. Ashbaugh and Mr. Kartsonis met with a representative from Borough insurer Couch Braunsdorf and the State Insurance Fund. Findings of that meeting will be presented at a later date.

Public Safety & Emergency Services – P. Kartsonis. A candidate for the constable position has been vetted.

Streets & Roads – C. Hallman. A manhole on Route 518 came loose and hit a car. The County is repairing the manhole—a steel plate is being used to cover the hole until the concrete sets. The Borough is responsible for the cost of the repair. Think Pavers will be raking and seeding by Friday. They have been made aware of the poor condition of the sidewalk in front of the Rocky Hill Inn. Pothole repairs have been completed on Young Drive, Princeton Avenue, and Montgomery Avenue. The County plans to remove a tree in front of 169 Washington Street.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – B. Uhrik. Report given under Departmental Reports.

Council Representative to Planning Board – C. Hallman. The Planning Board approved a variance for 10 Princeton Avenue allowing residential space to be converted to office space and additional parking with the condition that drainage problems will be fixed.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee– C. Hallman. Ms. Hallman has arranged for the Blawenburg Band to play, a pig roast, and other activities. The Community Group will organize the parade. Ms. Hallman would like to get a banner for the event. Mayor Donahue will arrange for a mayors' plaque.

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Council Representative to Board of Health – B. Uhrik. The rabies clinic took place with 26 animals vaccinated. Don Geddes gave a presentation to the Board of Health on wellhead protections in regards to the salt pile in the Princeton North Shopping Center.

Zoning Official's Report – No report.

Grants Committee – T. Bremner. Mr. Bremner is working with the architect to prepare grant submissions to the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission for the Fire Department and Borough Hall. Bids are going out for work on the Borough Hall basement under the current grant.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

COAH Update

Borough Planner Tamara Lee gave an update on the New Jersey Supreme Court Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) ruling and advised a course of action for the Borough. The Supreme Court has directed trial courts to evaluate affordable housing plans and certify towns, removing COAH from the process. Rocky Hill was previously certified by COAH under Round Three. To be certified under the trial court, Rocky Hill will be required to present a housing plan and demonstrate that it is in compliance with the Fair Housing Act. Rocky Hill can submit its previously certified plan, but since the time that plan was certified by COAH, the status of the Schafer Tract has changed. The Borough can no longer argue that it is built out since the conditions of the building approvals for the Schafer Tract were not satisfied. Planner Lee recommends that the Borough use the plan from Round Three with the addition of an affordable housing overlay on the Schafer Tract. The consensus of the Council is that the Planner should proceed as recommended.

Shade Tree Committee Presentation

Hilary Delaney, 194 Washington Street, delivered the presentation. The Committee plans to purchase eight planters and flowers for Washington Street with a total cost of approximately \$1,900. The Committee reported that there are two memorial trees in bad condition—one in front of the Nolan residence and one in Crescent Point Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toby Whitlock, 94 Crescent Ave., stated that the Borough should support Planner Lee's recommendations.

Brian Nolan, 18 Washington Street, asked about the effects on sewer flow from the additions to Stonebridge. Mayor Donahue responded that the flow would be under the approved limits.

SPECIAL BUSINESS Continued

Fire Department Presentation

Chief Todd Harris delivered the presentation on the current status of the Fire Department. The Fire Department owns three vehicles: Car 53, a 2014 Ford F-150 used as a Command Vehicle, Engine 53-1, and 1997 Pierce Pumper, and Engine 53-2, a 2009 Pierce Pumper. The 2015 operating budget is \$105,750, including a \$20,000 FEMA grant. The Fire Department has a contract with Montgomery Township Fire District 2.

First Aid Squad Presentation

Chief Jim Banks, Treasurer Marj Yuschak, and President Scott Gorman delivered the presentation. Chief Banks reviewed the history of the squad from its decommissioning on March 17, 2011, its re-commissioning on July 18, 2011 to the present. The squad was decommissioned because of its poor response to emergency calls and to Council. The squad has new executives and operations officers and has reorganized its finances. Since returning to 24/7 coverage on October 15, 2012, the squad has not missed an emergency call. President Gorman stated that the squad would need a new ambulance this year.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-46 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign an Agreement with PSE&G to Upgrade Street Lights

Bremner moved to approve the resolution, Ashbaugh seconded, and the motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Kartsonis, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Constable

Mayor Donahue appointed Marianne Mencher to the open constable position.

Hallman moved to confirm the appointment; Kartsonis seconded the motion, and the motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Kartsonis, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications as listed, were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Toby Whitlock, 94 Crescent Avenue, advised the Council that the Borough needs to purchase more Rocky Hill flags.

Marj Yuschak, 55 Washington Street, commented that the garbage cans in front of the post office need to be replaced, the County never replaced the crosswalk markings at the intersection near her house, and that there is broken sidewalk in front of her house.

Nancy Lucas, 9 Lemore Circle, asked about the spring pick-up dates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bremner with a second by Dawson to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:
Christine Witt
Deputy Borough

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List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8428	12 - ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY	PO 5316 Borough Hall cleaning Feb. & March	300.00	300.00
8429	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 5322 Legal Advertising	208.60	208.60
8430	547 - Comcast	PO 5329 Phone and Internet 4/8-5/7/15	253.87	253.87
8431	82 - ROCKY HILL FIRST AID SQUAD	PO 5324 First Aid Squad Reimbursement #1 20	4,438.31	4,438.31
8432	115 - JML LANDSCAPING INC.	PO 5267 Toth Lane Improvement Project	55,662.77	55,662.77
8433	149 - MASTROIANNI LANDSCAPING INC	PO 5328 Walkway snow and ice removal	14,064.94	14,064.94
8434	469 - NJLBHA	PO 5310 NJLBHA Annual membership dues	95.00	95.00
8435	210 - PSE&G	PO 5294 Crescent Point Park electric March	2.60	2.60
8436	210 - PSE&G	PO 5313 Street Lights Electric 2/3-3/4/15	678.06	678.06
8437	210 - PSE&G	PO 5314 Municipal Building electric 3/11-4/	483.51	483.51
8438	210 - PSE&G	PO 5330 Panicaro Park electric March 11-Apr	7.93	7.93
8439	408 - RAYMOND J. STINE ESQ.	PO 5311 Municipal prosecutor	1,000.00	1,000.00
8440	319 - REPUBLIC SERVICES #865	PO 5320 Garbage collection March 2015	3,808.49	3,808.49
8441	354 - RICOH USA, INC.	PO 5317 Copy machine rental April 2015	109.73	109.73
8442	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5323 Board of Health County contract Ap	1,033.86	1,033.86
8443	455 - TAMARA LEE PP	PO 5312 Planning Board Planning Services: M	1,155.00	1,155.00
8444	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 5318 Engineering services	9,040.75	9,040.75
8445	293 - ROCKY HILL WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT	PO 5325 Hydrants & Borough Hall water/sewer	767.50	767.50
8446	574 - WEST TRENTON/MONTGOMERY TRUE VALUE	PO 5319 Hardware for repair in Borough Hall	13.11	13.11
8347	RIFAS	PO 5196 Reimbursement	4,784.35	
	TOTAL			93,124.03
1030	NJ State Treasurer	Dog. Fees March	25.80	

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND

37,461.26

Total to be paid from Fund 04 GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

55,662.77

93,124.03

List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7001	450 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	PO 5321 March One Calls	18.60	18.60
7002	210 - PSE&G	PO 5315 Water Dept. electric March 11-April	1,833.08	1,833.08
7003	316 - STATE OF NEW JERSEY PWT	PO 5327 State water tax Q1 2015	48.63	48.63
7004	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 5326 Water Dept maintenance	200.00	200.00
7005	289 - VERIZON	PO 5331 Water dept phone	30.52	30.52
	TOTAL			2,130.83

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

2,130.83

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8427 455 - TAMARA LEE PP

PO 5312 Planning Board Planning Services: M

630.00

630.00

TOTAL

630.00

Total to be paid from Fund 19 TRUST OTHER

630.00

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2015-46

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill desires to enter into a contract with PSE&G to upgrade the street lights to induction bulbs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously discussed and approved this change; and

WHEREAS, the lights in the Borough will all be uniform once this change takes effect; and

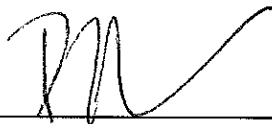
WHEREAS, the additional cost to the Borough will be an \$80.00 monthly changing the billing from \$401.06 to \$481.06; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the agreement with PSE&G to change out the street lights.
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this contract as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This resolution shall take affect immediately.

Adopted: 4/20/15

ATTEST:



Rebecca Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk



Jeff Donahue, Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from:_____.

Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION